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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

Winds from the West. For lower Michigan: Fair, followed by snow flurries on the lakes, much colder, with clearing, northeast.

## LATEST FROM HAWAII.

All eyes have been turned to the Pacific ports for some days past, watching for the coming of the steamers due to arrive from Hawaii. They have come and the nation will breathe a sigh of relief, that up to this time the greatest republic on earth has been kept from the shame of overturning a republic and establishing a monarchy. This good fortune is not so much due to the desires of Messrs. Cleveland and Gresham, as to the fact that Mr. Willis, once he arrived on the ground, took advantage of the situation given him and refused to force the queen upon unwilling subjects. The advice received from Honolulu shows that no restoration of the queen was brought about without bloodshed, and the prospects of this government going to war in such a cause would be to announce that it had taken upon itself the role of a national bully. Another disputed point was the action of Minister Stevens in recognizing the provisional government. Additional light is also furnished on this subject. It is asserted, and by Mr. Willis' action, confirmed, that Minister Stevens did not, as charged by Mr. Blount, make the provisional government and then recognize it. From present knowledge of the status in the islands, it is safe to say that the queen will not be reinstated by this government, though the question of annexation must still be settled.

## APPROACHING PARENS.

An exchange, published not a thousand miles from Grand Rapids, betrays signs of approaching parens in the following idiomatic utterance:—"To destroy the industries of foreign peoples; to throw their operatives out of work and force them to seek our shores to still further reduce wages here by their competition; to increase the taxes of the masses of the people for the purpose of increasing the substance of the favored few—this is the purpose and effect of the McKinley system." It is truly afflicting to see what tender sympathy certain people have for the laboring people in foreign lands. They are much like the people who weep salty tears over the lost condition of the poor heathens in the Fiji Islands and at the same time will turn away a poor beggar who knocks at their doors. The thousands upon thousands of laboring men out of work and crying for bread in our own land are hardly thought of, but the great sympathetic heart of the free trader goes out in unutterable tenderness to the poor workman in Great Britain. The McKinley law was based on the idea that charity begins at home, even if it does not end there. "If any provideth not for his own, and especially his own household, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." Until we have provided for our own people we are poorly fitted as a nation to care for other people. We have become a great nation and have furnished an asylum for the oppressed and the unemployed of the world because we have developed carefully our own resources. To charge that the McKinley bill is a violation of national ethics is to show an utter ignorance of its ultimate purpose. Self-protection is the first law of nature, a law written in the very constitution of the entire animal creation, and to ask us as a nation to throw down all barriers and open every door to the world, may run riot over us is to invite total destruction. It would be national suicide. No golden rule would enjoin any man or any nation to perform such an act of folly.

## FARMERS AND MECHANICS.

Governor McKinley in a late speech uttered some pregnant truths which every laboring man would do well to ponder seriously. He said: "It cannot be mistaken that the most vital part of the economic contest now going on is in the question of labor and wages. The more there is to do, the better wages will be paid; the less there is to do, the less wages will be paid for what is done. It is the more to do, not the less, that is the patriotic striving of the people, and should be the aim of all political parties. There will be less to do at home, the more we have done abroad. The more free trade we have, the more foreign goods we will have, and the more of each good we have in competition with our own products, the less we will make at home; and the less labor will be employed at home, and the less wages will be paid at home, and the less wages will be paid at home. This is sound and clear logic and it seems strange that any man is so blind that he cannot perceive it. Ah! but 'the tax-chasing farmer,' what of him? How stupid must be that farmer who does not see that the more men there are engaged in some other calling besides farming, the more demand there will be for his products. If our great

manufacturers close permanently, and the mechanics who were employed therein turn to agriculture for a living, there will be just that much less demand for the farmer's products. The supply will increase, the demand will decrease and the prices will also decrease accordingly. The farmer of all men should be greatly interested in making and keeping this a great manufacturing country, so that he can find a ready market for all his surplus products near by, and that always means fair prices.

## DOES NOT CASHES MUCH.

Senator Hear of Massachusetts remarks: "The democratic two heads has done not much to cashes much. Can it be possible that a professional cynic, or ducking is to be hatched in the free trade nest?" It would be amusing if with all their denunciations of the republican principle of protection they should find themselves forced to adopt it. Indeed, in spite of the heavy principle laid down in their Chicago platform, the democratic leaders claim that the Wilson bill is designed simply to reform the more glaring abuses of the McKinley bill. If that is so it must be that the "unconstitutional doctrine of protection" will still be allowed to exist, for so much of the McKinley bill as remains intact will keep as much of protection intact, and democratic officials will in spite of themselves be compelled to levy and collect duties for protection and not for revenue only. How trying to a free trade soul.

A few days ago a prominent and very ardent democrat of this city declared most emphatically that he had come to the conclusion that Clevelandism and democracy were entirely distinct things, and of late he was becoming convinced that when the democratic administration, as the representative of the American republic, became the ally and support of a disolute monarchy he could no longer be a democrat and an American at the same time. Therein he showed his good judgment, and his patriotism as well. It is quite likely that many an intelligent democrat has come to the same conclusion, and that the tremendous majorities which the republicans rolled up this fall is but an earnest of this. At critical times, when good principles are involved, the indurate patriotism and the general good judgment of our people can be relied on to carry us safely through the stormiest days.

MANY devices have been suggested to prevent the mistake of giving poison instead of medicine. The death of Prof. Tyndall as the result of such an error calls attention to the indiscriminate way in which poisons and safe medicines are put up by druggists. There should be a law compelling the use of some special form of bottle for all poisons. If druggists were compelled to put all dangerous medicines in three-cornered bottles, it would probably do much to lessen the number of such fatal accidents.

It is said that death loves a shining mark. The present democratic millennium seems to be particularly disastrous to the large corporations throughout the country. One of the latest mammoth firms to succumb is the firm of C. A. Antman & Co. of Canton, Ohio. The assets of the firm foot up near \$3,000,000, while its liabilities are only \$1,000,000; yet it is obliged to go into the hands of a receiver because it cannot borrow money or collect it from its customers. Oh! for "them good old days."

Tax West Michigan Farmers' club calls attention to another breach of faith on the part of the democrat party. The Chicago platform promised something to the farmers in the shape of legislation for better roads. Cleveland's message is silent on the subject. In fact, about the only allusion he makes to farmers and their interests, is advising the cutting off of free samples of seeds.

DEMOCRATS in congress will now proceed to ruin this country by tariff legislation, having failed to ruin the republic of Hawaii. Perhaps if the American people should hold mass meetings as did the Hawaiians and protest as vigorously, the democrats would leave Cleveland as badly up a tree on the tariff as he is on Hawaii questions.

GEORGIA is asking for wild-cat banks; the Chicago platform called for them, and the democrat majority in congress should, if it is to live up to ante-election promises, give them to the south. The doctrine of state sovereignty is democratic and if the party is bound to denationalize, it might as well begin with the currency.

HOTELS in state capitals will certainly patronize the Baltimore man who claims for his invention, which he calls "the hayseed gas burner," first, that it can't be blown out; and, secondly, that if it is blown out it immediately relights itself automatically.

WILL Cleveland reorganize his cabinet? It would seem that he has just grounds for such action. Gresham is his "hoodoo" and must be removed. By the way, who has furnished Gresham with a rabbit foot?

THE Texas train robbers knew their business. They looted the express car, and held up the passengers in the common coaches, but did not operate in the sleeping cars. They knew the porters had attended to them.

GRESHAM will have to give the hula-hula dance as a pas-de-cad. Queen Li will not be ready to join him.

CLEVELAND and Gresham will find "waffles" on the menu at their respective tables today.

CLEVELAND failed to fill his hand. He only holds Queen Li and Kearsy Blount.

# SALE OF THE EAGLE

That is a Majority of its Capital Stock Goes to

E. N. DINGLEY OF KALAMAZOO

The Interest of A. B. Turner Bought from the The Trust Company of Chicago

Today—The New Owner.

E. N. Dingley, of Kalamazoo, will today become practically the owner of the Grand Rapids Eagle. This statement of course is predicated upon the assumption that the agreement entered into last night will be lived up to and carried out. For some time past there have been rumors about that Mr. Dingley was figuring on purchasing the Eagle property. At one time it was stated that he had an option on the majority of the stock. Then there was published the assertion that the option had expired. Mr. Dingley was in the city about that time, but as he left for home that night and no announcement of a transfer was made, the deal was generally supposed to be off. Yesterday Mr. Dingley returned to the city and was closeted with A. B. Turner and the other owners of the Eagle, nearly all the afternoon. At 6 o'clock the terms of the transfer were practically agreed upon and the delivery and payment deferred until this morning. When this is consummated Mr. Dingley will own a five-eighths or a controlling interest in the paper.

The Daily Eagle is published by a corporation known as the A. B. Turner company. Its capital stock is \$32,000, which is supposed to have been owned as follows: A. B. Turner, \$20,000; F. S. Milman, \$4,000; E. R. Fisher, \$4,000; and Will S. Turner, \$4,000. The prospective purchaser has been negotiating for the interest of A. B. Turner and it is the \$20,000 of stock owned by him that Mr. Dingley is expected to own before night. The price paid is for the stock or \$20,000 for the interest acquired.

A. B. Turner was the founder of The Eagle some forty-seven years ago. He is one of the best known and highly respected citizens of the town. His long and continued service on The Eagle, nearly a half-century, makes him probably the oldest newspaper man in point of service in the state, if not in the country. His many friends in the city, particularly among the older residents, will regret that his connection with The Eagle is to be severed.

E. N. Dingley is the owner and publisher of the Kalamazoo Telegraph. He came to this town from his former home in Maine about four years ago.

He is a young man 32 years of age and the son of Congressman Dingley, from the Pine Tree state. He is a practical newspaper man, usually has an eye open to the main chance and will doubtless run his newly acquired property on business principles. In other words he has made a success financially of his former newspaper enterprise and will doubtless conduct the affairs of The Eagle economically and successfully. Any changes upon the staff of the paper that he may contemplate are not yet announced.

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## DISCUSSED COUNTY ROADS.

Farmers Club Will Labor with the Supervisors.

The Farmers club did not know itself in the large crowd in its rooms yesterday afternoon, but it profited no doubt by the presence of the members of the fair association who were present. The paper of the day was prepared by S. S. Bailey and of course was an able and convincing argument for better county roads. Mr. Bailey started out with a preamble which read as follows: "Now is the time to hold the democratic party to the pledge in the platform in relation to road improvements. Its declaration in favor of road improvement was an important factor in winning success for the party. The farmers have been very much surprised that the president in his message did not allude to that pledge of the party in the platform. The press of the country has from day to day been demanding that the party in power shall redeem the pledge made in relation to the tariff. Why silent in relation to road improvements? Was that part of the platform in relation to roads made to catch votes—to have full meaning till after election only?" Mr. Bailey's paper, advocating better roads and denouncing the toll roads leading into the city.

W. T. Adams called Mr. Bailey's attention to the fact that had not private enterprise built these roads there would not today be a single highway leading from the city which could be traveled with any kind of a load. He did not think anything should be done to injure the stockholders or deprive them of the benefit of their investment. Aaron Clark questioned the constitutionality of an act granting to any corporation exclusive privileges in any public highway.

Senator Doran was called on for an explanation of the new law relative to highways. Mr. Doran went over the act section by section and explained and answered all questions put to him on the subject. The following committee was appointed to go before the board of supervisors and urge the necessity of better roads: S. S. Bailey, Aaron Clark, W. N. Cook and F. Barnhart.

The following officers were elected: President, S. M. Pearson; first vice president, D. P. Clay; second vice president, F. Barnhart; third vice president, O. F. Conkling; fourth vice president, B. O. Van Buren; secretary, T. O. Williams; assistant secretary, F. E. Skeels; treasurer, A. W. Clayton.

## WHO IS CHARLES SITTS?

Wicked Grand Rapids Man Wins a Wife and Courts Her.

A story comes from Thompsonville of a gay young horseman from Grand Rapids by the name of Charles Sitts, who has created a sensation in that quiet village by winning the heart and hand of one of its prettiest maidens, marrying her and then deserting her. It is stated that he was employed by one of the local horsemen for several years as a trainer and driver, but three months ago he went to Thompsonville and began driving team for sales here. While in their employ he was a sober and industrious man, but instead of the acquaintance of a very estimable young woman and after a brief courtship married her. They went to live with the bride's parents and all went merrily until very recently. Two weeks ago he left home with his trunk in tow to visit friends in Ohio, but instead of stopping there he came on to Grand

Rapids, saying that he would return in a day or two. He has not returned and his wife is distressed with grief over his disappearance. He told his wife he was a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of this city, but in reality he was among members of that order and toadyism. He was by the name of Charles Sitts known by that name. It appears probable that the fellow has traveled under an assumed name.

## RECORDED THREE PRESIDENTS.

Thompsonville, Minn. E. P. Uhl by the St. Croix Society.

The reception tendered by the members of the St. Croix society in the Ladies' Literary club yesterday afternoon to their president, Mrs. E. P. Uhl, on the eve of her departure for Washington, was one of those affairs of the which are gratifying and pleasing to both the donors and recipients. The club rooms had been beautifully decorated for the occasion with smilies, holly, palm and vines, and during the afternoon 200 or more of the lady members of the club and persons and friends of Mrs. Uhl gathered in the rooms, and by their presence evidenced the affectionate regard in which she has been held. To the committee on arrangements, Madams George E. Raymond and R. H. Stevens, much is due for the very tasteful and agreeable manner in which the hall was decorated and the grace with which the affair passed off. To Madams E. R. Carpenter and Hoyt G. Post who assisted in receiving, much credit is also due for the very pleasant afternoon devoted to all who came. Mrs. Uhl will undoubtedly carry with her to Washington many pleasing recollections of the afternoon, and the ladies who participated will pleasantly remember this day as one of the red letter days in their society calendar.

## TRUST COMPANY'S ANNUAL.

Declared a Dividend of 5 Per Cent. Officers Re-Elected.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Trust company was held yesterday, in the offices of the company in its building at the corner of Pearl and Ottawa streets. The report of the secretary shows that since its organization, in 1880, it has assumed 201 trusts of various kinds and has closed out sixty of them. A dividend of 5 per cent was declared. The election resulted in a return of all the directors and officers to their old places.

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## AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Henry George will, in his lecture in Lockety hall Monday evening, explain from his point of view the prevalence of poverty in the midst of plenty, and the increase of want with the increase of wealth. He will also define the cause, which, in his firm conviction, produces recurring business depressions, together with the remedy. The undertaking is no unambitious one; and Mr. George's ability, eloquence, force and genius are certain to make his lecture one of the features of the season. The entire net proceeds go to the Charity Organisation society. Tickets are now on sale.

For over a quarter of a century playgoers have watched their heads whenever "The Black Crook" has been mentioned and averred it to be the greatest spectacle—a trifle, a ruse—of the age. Times have changed and the piece in question has kept pace with progression. Today it contains all the features which made it famous years ago, and many more. It will be seen in "The Powers" tomorrow and Friday evenings, with a matinee the latter afternoon. Reserved seat sale will open this morning.

Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windermere's Fan" is an epigram matching tournament—a display of verbal fireworks. It is a sparkling comedy with good things. The acutest criticism of the hour has been packed into a score of neat sentences, which chiefly delivered by Virginia Harned, J. G. Saville, E. S. Abeles and Herbert Ayling go straight to the mark and is greeted with bursts of laughter. The comedy will be given in "The Powers" Saturday night.

Nina Rathbone Carpenter, daughter of Mrs. Emma R. Carpenter, who has for so long been identified with music in Grand Rapids, has, at the solicitation of friends, consented to give a concert on Tuesday, December 19, at the Ladies' Literary club house. She will be assisted by well known local talent. This will be the only opportunity of hearing Miss Carpenter for a term of years, as she leaves for Europe in February.

The bill at Smith's this week is the strongest straight variety one ever offered by the management. There is not a weak turn in it. The Deane sisters, Pauline Scott in her statue act, and John T. Powers are strong features. Matinee today.

Saturday night the Ariel Don Concert company will fill the state of Leland Powers in the Lockety hall strict lecture course. This is one of the best concert troupes on the road, every member being an artist.

That The Grand is having large audiences this week is nothing surprising. "The Spider and Fly" is one of the best attractions ever seen at the house and combines everything from burlesque to grand opera.

Sadie Haxson, in "A Kentucky Girl," will open in The Grand Sunday night.

## STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

Minister Willis, having taken issue with his "paramount" predecessor, must certainly have become persona non grata to Queen Li, and Gresham should be instructed to recall him home at once. There should be no representative of this government in Hawaii who is not "paramount"—Lansing Republican.

Does the proposed income tax on "certain corporate investments" mean manufacturing corporations? Knock them down with a free trade club and then expect them to put up for revenue purposes. The pickpocket sometimes carries a policy like that—Detroit Journal.

After fighting the income tax and all other excise taxes during the progress of the civil war when the money was absolutely essential, the democrat party now turns about and adopts the most odious form of taxation in a time of profound peace.—Jackson Citizen.

The immediate commerce commission has its authority extended to cover "tramp steamers" on the great lakes. If it can hold them in leash it will do more than any other restrictive association did and be entitled to the blue ribbon.—Muskegon Chronicle.

Queen Li evidently understands the Hawaiian situation much better than the administration does, but it is really rough on the president to have her declaration come so soon after Mr. Van Alen's.—Detroit Tribune.

The new tariff bill should be entitled a bill to crowd poor houses to overflowing and encourage the soup house industry.—Big Rapids Pioneer.

The days are getting short, but they are long enough for the man whose business is threatened by the Wilson bill.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

# SLUGGED THE CLERK

Cashier in Chicago Postoffice Attacked by a Robber

WHO GETS AWAY WITH \$7,000

A Dangerous Struggle Raged Before the Thief Fled His Victim.

No Clue to the Robber.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Andrew J. Robertson, cashier of the Chicago postoffice, was found by E. Zimmerman and Miss Marie Jones, two clerks employed in the mailing department, lying on the floor of his office in a pool of blood, about 10 o'clock tonight. Medical aid was at once summoned, and when Robertson had sufficiently recovered he made a statement saying that at about 7:30, while he was engaged in balancing up his accounts, some one appeared at his window and asked him how he was coming out. Robertson replied that he thought that he was all right. The stranger said that he had seen his boy for stamps during the day and that Robertson had given him too many, and that he would return them if Robertson would open the door. When the man gave a private ring used by the clerk in the building the door was opened. As soon as the robber was inside the office, he attacked Robertson and a terrible conflict ensued. Money was scattered all over the office, one package of \$300, one of \$500 and one of \$600 were found. So far the police have no clue to the robber. The exact amount of money taken is not yet known, but it was said by government employees that the sum would reach \$7,000. Robertson was taken to the Presbyterian hospital, where the physicians said that his wounds were dangerous.

## WAS HE THERE?

During the war Edward Everett Hale went to the front to visit one of the generals in command. The last part of his journey to headquarters was on a steamboat, where Hale met an officer, a major, who was also going to headquarters. At first the major was very friendly, but when he learned that Hale was also going to headquarters, he began to fight shy of him. Evidently he did not want a "civilian" on his hands on the long night ride from the boat landing.

When they reached the landing, Hale found a horse, and after a hard ride through mud and brush he reached headquarters. After he had had his supper and as he was sitting talking with the general, the major rode up. He had lost his way more than once, his horse had fallen with him, he was covered with mud and in the worst possible temper.

"Why, major," said the general, "where have you been? Mr. Hale has been here two hours."

"The major glared at Hale and grunted, 'How in thunder did you get here?'"

"Oh," said Hale quietly, "I followed the telegraph wire."

Nobody fought shy of him after that.—Philadelphia Record.

## UNFORTUNATE.

James Paya gives two examples of the things which should have been said, not indeed "otherwise," but never at all.

At an English dinner party there were some peaches which were what is commonly called "woolly"—that is, having little taste and low juice.

"My dear," said the host, addressing his wife from the other end of the table, "I don't think these peaches are a success; if the fruitier had no better than these, it was a pity he sent us any."

Then the Lady Bountiful of the parish and the guest of the evening who, unknown to the host, had presented the peaches, observed plaintively:

"I am so sorry, dear Mr. Jones, but they were the best I had."

On another festive occasion Mr. Jones, who is by nature courteous itself, complimented a middle aged lady upon her dress, the upper part of which was of black lace.

"Nothing," said he, "to my mind is so becoming as black and yellow."

"Yellow?" she cried. "Oh, good gracious! That's not my dress; that's me!"—Independent.

## FOOT RECOGNITION.

Two young men of Louisville, salesmen in a dry goods store, hired bicycles and took a spin into the country. When they were perhaps 10 miles out, they decided to have a race.

One of them got far ahead of the other, and in dashing round a turn ran into a pile of stones. The wheel was demolished, and the rider found himself lying among the apokas.

An aged woman who happened to be passing was met by the second rider.

"My good woman," said he, "have you seen a young man riding a bicycle on ahead?"

"No," said the woman, "but I saw a young man up the road a spell ago who was sitting on the ground under an umbrella."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## AVOIDING TROUBLE.

"As it is getting pretty close to 1 o'clock in the morning," said the burglar to himself in an undertone, "and as I don't want to get into any trouble with the police I think I'll not stay out any longer."

And he softly raised the window he had selected, removed his shoes and went in.—Chicago Tribune.

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Tommy (to Harry)—Ma, Fred Tibbins busted my new hat!

Tommy's Mother—The naughty boy! What made him do it? Did you do anything to him?

Tommy—No, nothing. I was just jabbin my hat at his head for fun, as he didn't dodge!—Chicago Record.

## CRUELTY.

"Say," said the office boy, "I think the boss ought to gimme a half bone extra this week, but I guess he won't."

"What for?" asked the bookkeeper.

"For overtime. I was dreamin about me work all last night."—Indianapolis Journal.

## PHOTOGRAPH.

"Do you approve of this museum business?" queried the man who had bought a photograph and biography.

"Well, I give considerable to it of course," rejoined the dog faced boy.—Detroit News-Tribune.

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